

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

February 26, 2009

An act relating to corrections.

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SB 441, as introduced, Ducheny. Corrections: Department of Community Corrections.

Existing law generally regulates the supervision of parolees and probationers.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create the Department of Community Corrections and that would transfer parole and probation programs and services to that department.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would do all of the following:
- 3 (a) Enact an act that shall be known and may be cited as the
- 4 California Community Corrections Act of 2009.
- 5 (b) Establish the Department of Community Corrections.
- 6 (c) Transfer all adult parole services, without regard to whether
- 7 the parole program has been formally created by statute, currently
- 8 operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to
- 9 the Department of Community Corrections.
- 10 (d) Transfer all county probation services to the Department of
- 11 Community Corrections.

1 (e) Authorize the Governor to make final decisions regarding
2 the placement of specific programs and offices that are not formally
3 created by statute or specified in this measure in a way that is
4 consistent with the intent of the Legislature in establishing the
5 Department of Community Corrections, and the spirit of this
6 measure.

7 (f) Create stronger, more focused leadership, increased public
8 safety, and reduced recidivism by prioritizing parolee and
9 probationer integration through the provision of targeted risk
10 reduction strategies and appropriate coordination of case
11 management, educational and vocational training, job placement,
12 community-based treatment, and rehabilitation services.

13 (g) Create a department that has sufficient focus and
14 collaboration on public safety and parolee and probationer
15 rehabilitation to create a more effective and efficient public safety
16 infrastructure, thereby resulting in decreased crime rates,
17 incarceration rates, and recidivism.